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DISTRIBUTED CLIENT/SERVER SYSTEM, AND COMPUTER
PROGRAM STORAGE MEDIUM

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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Sir:

In a Notice of Incomplete Reply received in the above identified application (a copy of which is enclosed), the drawing figures were deemed to be non-compliant with the requirements of 37 CFR §1.84 for containing text that is not in English. In response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply, Applicants respectfully submit substitute drawings that are believed to comply with 37 CFR §1.84.

While a complete set of substitute drawings (i.e., Figures 1-97) is included in this Response, only Figures 9, 10, 11, 13, 19, 23, 30, 41, 42, 43, 44, 55, 56, 57, 76, 77 and 87 have been altered from those figures as originally filed. In these amended figures (i.e., 9, 10, 11, 13, 19, 23, 30, 41, 42, 43, 44, 55, 56, 57, 76, 77 and 87), text in Japanese has either been translated to its English equivalent or removed. Therefore, Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the amendments to these figures. With respect to Figure 32 which also contains Japanese text, this Figure has NOT been amended to remove the Japanese text because this text is necessary to show a feature of the invention, namely, a language translation function. Thus, since Figure 32 requires inclusion of the Japanese text to be translated and its translated English text equivalent to effectively convey this translation feature, Figure 32 should not be deemed to violate 37 CFR §1.84.

Applicants submit these substitute drawings as "INFORMAL".

No fee is believed to be necessary for the Response to Incomplete Drawings. A Petition for a Five Month Extension of Time is filed herewith along with the requisite fee, extending the time to reply until October 22, 2001. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this response, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 13-4500, Order No. 1232-4671. A DUPLICATE OF THIS SHEET IS ATTACHED.

Respectfully submitted,

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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on to the Notice mailed and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, doesnot include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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